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Good afternoon:

Attached are the signed letters responding to the Governors' March 3, 2017 incoming on fishing regulations in the Pacific marine national monuments.

Feel free to distribute electronically and FWS will mail original letters.

Thank you,
Lisa

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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

AUG 17 2017

The Honorable Eddie B. Calvo
Governor of Guam
Agana, Guam 96932

Dear Governor Calvo:

Thank you for your letter of March 3, 2017, outlining concerns about the prohibition of commercial fishing within the four marine national monuments (Monuments) in the Pacific Ocean. The Monuments were established by President George W. Bush and expanded by President Barack Obama under the authority of the Antiquities Act of 1906. They are cooperatively managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). In addition, the State of Hawai'i, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands are cooperative managers of the Monuments within their respective jurisdictions.

Together, these agencies have the responsibility to manage the Monuments consistent with their specific Presidential Proclamations. The regulation of fishing and management of fishery resources is described in the establishing language for each Monument. The Proclamations have differing language that excludes or prohibits commercial fishing, while providing for noncommercial, sustenance, and traditional indigenous fishing within the Monuments. As outlined in the Executive Order signed by President Donald J. Trump on April 26, 2017, the Department of the Interior is conducting a review of all Presidential designations or expansions of designations under the Antiquities Act made since January 1, 1996.

Part of this review will, as appropriate, involve consulting and coordinating with the governors of states affected by monument designations or other relevant officials of affected state, tribal, and local governments. This review will consider the Antiquities Act requirement that reservations of land not exceed "the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected." This review will also take into account the concerns of state, tribal, and local governments affected by a designation, including the economic development and fiscal condition of affected states, tribes, and localities, as expressed in your letter with regards to fishing prohibitions.

We look forward to continuing our partnerships with your constituents. Thank you for your continued interest in the management of our Nation's marine national monuments.

Sincerely,

Ryan K. Zinke
Secretary of the Interior



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The Honorable Lolo M. Moliga
Governor of American Samoa
Pago Pago, AS 96799

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The Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor of the Commonwealth
of the Northern Mariana Islands
Saipan, MP 96950

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